Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER K0448.70017US00 Examiner Application No. Filing Date Art Unit **8**00936-Conf. # 1276 March 15, 2004 Eric J. Hug 1731 flicant(s): Takashi Ouchi et al. Invention: PAPERMAKING NEEDLE FELT TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Remaining Number Number After **Previously** Extra Claims **Amendment** Paid Present Rate **Total Claims** 20 50.00 0.00 8 0 X Independent 1 3 0 200.00 0.00 X Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 0.00 Small Entity x Large Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.